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**Outcomes of the Participation of H.E. Mr. PRAK Sokhonn,
Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
in the General Debate of the UNGA 81 in New York**

At the designation of **Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei HUN Manet**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, **His Excellency Mr. PRAK Sokhonn**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, led a High-Level Delegation of Cambodia to participate in the General Debate of the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 81) from 24 to 26 September 2026 at the UN Headquarters in New York, under the theme "Restoring Trust, Managing Transformation: A United Nations that Delivers for All".

The General Debate of UNGA 81 brought together world leaders in a collective endeavour to strengthen international cooperation and address compounding global challenges, including escalating geopolitical rivalries, climate change, widening inequalities, and rapid technological transformations. Against this backdrop, Member States reaffirmed the imperative of restoring trust in multilateral institutions, upholding the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and ensuring that the UN remains principled, representative, effective, and capable of delivering peace, security, sustainable development, and shared prosperity for all.

Delivering Cambodia's national statement, **His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister** congratulated **H.E. Dr. Khalilur Rahman** on his election as President of UNGA 81 and pay tribute to the UN Secretary-General **H.E. António Guterres** for his steadfast leadership and commitment to multilateralism. Drawing on Cambodia's experience of transforming conflict into lasting peace through the Win-Win Policy of **Samdech Techo HUN Sen**, he underscored the importance of dialogue, national reconciliation, respect for international law, and the peaceful settlement of disputes.

On the Cambodia-Thailand border issue, **His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister** called for the full and good-faith implementation of existing bilateral agreements, including the Kuala Lumpur Joint Declaration, the Fuxian Consensus, and the Joint Statement of 27 December 2025, and for the prompt resumption of survey and



demarcation work by the Joint Boundary Commission. He also underlined the damage to cultural heritage, concerns over the threat posed by unexploded ordnance, and the humanitarian situation of more than 20,000 displaced Cambodian civilians unable to return home. Regarding maritime claims, he reaffirmed Cambodia's decision to initiate compulsory conciliation proceedings under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) following Thailand's unilateral termination of the 2001 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), in order to safeguard Cambodia's sovereign maritime rights in accordance with international law.

His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister further highlighted Cambodia's efforts to combat transnational crime, including through its hosting of the International Conference on Combating Online Scams with the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and INTERPOL, and announced Cambodia's readiness to host the 20th Francophonie Summit in Phnom Penh on 15-16 November 2026. He also reaffirmed Cambodia's longstanding contribution to UN peacekeeping, with more than 10,000 Cambodian peacekeepers deployed over the past two decades.

Through its active and constructive engagement at UNGA 81, Cambodia emphasised its resolute commitment to strengthening multilateralism, upholding the Charter of the United Nations and international law, safeguarding its sovereignty and territorial integrity, and working constructively with international partners towards a peaceful, inclusive, resilient, and rules-based international order.

On the margins of the General Debate, **His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister** held bilateral meetings with foreign ministers and representatives of the United Arab Emirates, the Philippines, Azerbaijan, Rwanda, Iran, Niger, and the United States, as well as with **H.E. António Guterres** and **H.E. Ms. Louise Mushikiwabo**, Secretary-General of the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie (OIF). These engagements provided opportunities to exchange views on bilateral relations, regional and international developments, and areas of mutual interest. He also signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Political Consultations between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the United Arab Emirates and a Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Republic of Niger.



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